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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KORI ET AL.

Examiner

Jacob Lipman

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 November 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5-8,11,46 and 47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 46 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1,2,5-8,11 and 47 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Newly submitted claim 46 is directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: It introduces name information not included in claim 1, but omits other elements of claim 1, such as the monitoring. The subject matter is seen as divergent from the examined claims.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claim 46 is withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 11, and 47, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Okuyama et al., USPN 5,987,126.

With regard to claims 1, 5, 7, 11, and 47, Okuyama discloses a transmitter for selectively transmitting content signals to a receiver including a means for processing a content signal for copy protection (column 9 lines 37-46), logic means for determining

by authentication whether the connected receiver is operable to function in accordance with copyright protection encryption technology (column 19 lines 45-65), and transmission controlling means for holding information indicating those receivers that are not enabled to copy content by using either the content signal or the copy protected processed signal (column 10 lines 7-11) and for controlling the signal transmitted by the transmitter according to whether or not information indicating the connected receiver is included in the held information such that a non-copy protected signal is transmitted if the connected receiver is not enabled to copy content (column 10 lines 11-18) and monitoring for changes in the network to not send information to disconnected receivers (column 27 lines 63-65).

With regard to claims 2 and 8, Okuyama discloses sending the copy-protected signal to devices capable of copying (with dummy key, column 10 lines (26-28), and the unprotected signal to those incapable of copying (column 10 lines 19-25).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okuyama.

With regard to claim 6, Okuyama discloses the transmitter of claim 1, as outlined above, but does not mention storing information in a tamperproof device. The examiner

took official notice is a prior office action that it is well known in the art that sensitive information could be held in a tamper-proof manner to improve security of information. Since this official notice was not traversed, it is taken as admitted prior art (MPEP 2144.03). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to make the controlling means of Okuyama tamper proof, since it holds sensitive information, to better protect the information from illegal copying.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed 20 November 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Although the cited portion of Okuyama (column 26 lines 24-32) did not contain the limitation added to claim 1, it was found in the reference (column 27 lines 63-65).

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacob Lipman whose telephone number is 571-272-3837. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Fr.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on 571-272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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